

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MITSUYOSHI ICHIHASHI ET AL

Group Art Unit: 1712

Serial No.: 09/899,031

Examiner: Michael J. Feely

Filed: July 6, 2001

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION

COMPRISING LIQUID CRYSTAL

MOLECULES AND ALIGNMENT PROMOTER

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C.

We, Mitsuyoshi Ichihashi, Ken Kawata, Hiroshi Takeuchi and Koushin Matsuoka, the above-named applicants declare and state that:

We note that US Pat. No. 6,338,808 at column 6, lines 1-13 discloses a bulky group (Bu-6) showing an excluded volume effect.

We hereby declare and state that it is we who added the Example Bu-6 to the specification of US Pat. No. 6,338,808. Therefore, we are the inventors of the Example Bu-6 disclosed in US Pat. No. 6,338,808.

The undersigned declarants declare further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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